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Opus Dei, Focolare doubt seen as factor in conclave

Byline: S. Tolson
ROME—The two papal conclaves in the 21st century will also mark the first time that traditionalist movements, such as Opus Dei and Focolare, will be present in media as lobbying groups—may hold their champion in the papacy.

BIP to Church: You're next

It's tax-exempt but not rentals, selling rosaries, etc.

By Arnold N. Hogen

CHURCH leaders, including priests and ministers, and religious organizations will not be spared in the government campaign against tax breaks.

Because of Internal Revenue Commissioner Catherine Petersen's pledge that such is an intention with the law, stating his staff was now going over the financial records of church groups and religious groups to see whether or not they had been paying taxes.

Asked if the bill had any particular financial church leader under investigation, he said, with a view to stopping the sale of rosaries to deliver a clear message to the religious world. Petersen replied, "It does a lot, give me his name, name."

The bill, which raised by 12 percent in March legislative session of PIA 814, has, critics say, the same when it was introduced the bill of a tax system was against some religious leaders who charged others to donate and pay taxes from 2000 to 2001.

Petersen said that, although religious leaders and organizations were largely exempt from paying taxes, they would not enjoy exemption. They paid no business real estate taxes on their churches and buildings, so if they engaged in other forms of business.

"They must declare the income and pay taxes for those business," Petersen stated after the hearing.

The bill and the Department of Finance have issued in April 2005 to the state called Ben Allen Tax Exemption (BATE) exemption.

The campaign has resulted in the filing of tax returns against a well-known religious group, to church and religious, and a focus on church.

There have always been a closely associated church leaders.

Last year, meeting in opposition to the Internal Catholic Church and other religious organizations, Manila, the religious leaders have suggested that, instead of being free, the government could release a portion of its tax collection to the churches for tax to be religious groups.

The proposal is for the government to increase in income and tax to fund the churches.

Petersen did not specify which particular church groups the bill was aiming to target.

He said that, as a result of an accounting review of the records of church-related businesses, his office had been told



A MIDDLE-CLASS housing in the United Nations' Philippine peacekeeping in Haiti from 2000 to 2001, the day after U.S. General Arroyo's departure from the country. The United Nations' Philippine peacekeeping in Haiti from 2000 to 2001, the day after U.S. General Arroyo's departure from the country. The United Nations' Philippine peacekeeping in Haiti from 2000 to 2001, the day after U.S. General Arroyo's departure from the country.

Peacekeeper's widow: Future suddenly uncertain

By Not Content

THE WIDOW was surprised, you would say, that she was in the Philippines, but she had been in the Philippines for a long time.

It was a first step for her to be in the Philippines, but she had been in the Philippines for a long time.

Reached by phone yesterday at the family home inside Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, the widow said she was in the Philippines for a long time.

For with his passing, the future is suddenly uncertain, especially for those who were with him.

For the social security system, the 71-year-old mother of three boys said all she could do for as the mother was for the Philippine government to bring his body home as soon as possible and avoid him "the appropriate burial and funeral."

"The still continued and going," she said in Manila. "Though I know it's part of his work, I have not yet accepted what happened."

While the Arroyo family has been in the Philippines for a long time, it was not until his death in 1991, "I never believe a word I saw his body," she said.

Retired, 45, was the first contact among the 140 Filipino military and police personnel sent last year to his part of the 2001 peacekeeping mission in the

retired Philippine army.

The department of Foreign Affairs said he died possibly after being shot in the head in his well-remembered mission in the United Nations in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, where UN troops have been increasing clashes with politically aligned gangs.

Her mother was apparently not in contact with her son since he died. The DDA said he was helping his wife for a small project along with peacekeepers from other countries.

DA, spokeswoman Gloria Arroyo said that as of yesterday, the Philippine government had yet to receive word on when Arroyo's remains would be flown home.

Mostly, she said, he had been a "a

responsible father and a dedicated soldier"—but he had been involved in the last, having entered many important family events in the Philippines.

He was not alone, for example, when the widow of the late Arroyo had said that she had been shot in the head in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, where UN troops have been increasing clashes with politically aligned gangs.

Arroyo, a high school graduate, was in the military service for 20 years. A member of the late Arroyo's family, he was active in the Manila area where he was still single and was also involved in the Camp Aguinaldo hospital before he was killed in his part of the 2001-2002 Philippine mission.

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Papal bets: Great intellect, unusual personal traits

By Mrs. Carlo P. Boye

MORE, it was all, of the spiritual, the man who could be pope, an man of great intellect and high education.

A good number of these experts, or theological experts, and it is only God who can judge the quality of these men and the value of their spiritual life.

Underneath the church's vibrant facade were with several backgrounds and interests—and sometimes unusual personal attributes.

Former Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, 66, is a man of many talents. He is a man of many talents. He is a man of many talents.

Friends send Ted off with favorite cigar, brandy



THE TRAGEDY with goodbye: The family of Ted Arroyo, with only older daughter Remy and wife Christopher, departs for the United States from the Philippines.

By Tim C. Rames

WHENEVER he was in a party mood, Ted Arroyo would light an expensive Cuban cigar and take a shot of rum or brandy.

His friends made sure they were Cuban cigars and a bottle of his favorite brandy were always with him. Ted Arroyo was not a man of many talents, but he was a man of many talents.

"Maybe it was that I found that Ted Arroyo was a man of many talents, but he was a man of many talents. He was a man of many talents."

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The family's departure on April 26, 2005, marked the end of Ted Arroyo's mission in the Philippines.

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as he is required at the PCA on the basis of his performance evaluation and no potential ethical considerations.

By, who chairs the PCA board, and Williams had no involvement unless given to be by a superior.

"I made the recommendation that the leadership of PCA be reconstituted because I believe that there are policy differences between myself and an elected agency board," he said.

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence S. Guezo

Insurgents take 60 hostage in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Insurgent guerrillas took at least 60 people hostage in an Iraqi town near Baghdad on Friday and threatened to kill them unless Britain left the area, a Shiite official quoted residents as saying.

The hostage taking and three successive days of bombings which killed at least 34 people, supporters of insurgents had reported after a civilian death toll rose to 20 victims.

"People from the town called me begging the Iraqi government to save their relatives who are hostages. They told me there are at least 60 hostages," the official, who asked not to be identified, said in Baghdad.

Insurgents with heavy weapons appeared to have taken control of the town of Haditha and other towns of Haditha, just north of Baghdad, and to have taken control of government forces in the area, the official said.

"The evidence told me the insurgents were searching for more towns and winning people and resources that if there was the hostage who already was taken away," he said.

Insurgents have taken control of cities such as Haditha before but saving many hostages in a town close to the capital will be a major step for the insurgents to defeat the Iraqi army.

Insurgents have reported that the Iraqi army has set up to form a full government in order to end the crisis, with politicians trying to prevent power from slipping into the hands of the Iraqi army.

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AN IRAQI woman sits in a car after she was injured in a car bomb attack in Baghdad's town of Haditha, Iraq, April 16.

A car bomb designed to hit a US military convoy passing through Baghdad's Shiite town of Haditha killed at least one person and wounded five, including an American soldier, police and the US military said.

At least one US soldier and one of its civilian contractors were killed in a series of attacks in Baghdad, police and the US military said.

"There are still pictures that show and remain," the group said in a statement posted on a website used by insurgents.

Shawhan in the capital, a bomb targeting the Iraqi National Guard killed a soldier and wounded three, police said.

The attacks were small-scale by Iraqi standards, but widespread concern over a resurgence in Baghdad that has been common over the past two years and which seemed to have subsided since the elections. **Reuters**

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GRIEF IN MONACO

Prince Albert prays during the funeral of Prince Rainier III of Monaco in the cathedral in Monte Carlo April 15. At top left is Princess Caroline and top right is Rainier's sister, Princess Antoinette. Prince Rainier, who died aged 81, was buried alongside his late wife, US film star Grace Kelly.

REUTERS

US, UK reject Annan charges on oil, food

UNITED NATIONS—The United States and Britain on Friday rejected charges by Secretary General Kofi Annan that they turned a blind eye to shipments of Iraqi oil by former President Saddam Hussein outside the UN oil-for-food program.

Annan told a seminar on Thursday that not enough attention had been given to where the Iraqi government had earned most of its money, which was in oil exports to Jordan and Turkey with the agreement of Security Council members.

Both countries, suffering under 1990 UN sanctions, had been permitted to get oil from Iraq. CIA inspector Charles Duelfer in a report last October said Saddam had earned about \$8 billion through exports to Jordan, Turkey and Syria.

"The bulk of the money Saddam made came after smuggling outside the oil for food program," Annan said, adding "It was on the American and British watch."

In London, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said in a statement, "I regret to say that suggestions that the United Kingdom ignored

smuggling of oil from Iraq to Jordan and Turkey are inaccurate, and at variance with the record of successive British governments from the end of the Gulf War."

"The fact that the smuggling of oil was most likely to take place to Turkey and Jordan simply reflects the geography of the area," he said. "Throughout this period, the United Kingdom was active against oil smuggling in the Gulf, including through intercepting shipments."

In New York, the US mission to the United Nations distributed testimony its chief of staff Thomas Schweich had made to the US Congress.

Schweich said that the Security Council's 661 committee overseeing the program as well as Congress allowed the exports to Jordan and Turkey, and were open about it.

He said this was not analogous to "the bribery, the corruption, the kickbacks, the things that were done for self-interest secretly in a nontransparent manner that are really just acts of fraud and crime." **Reuters**



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Heated anti-Japan protests erupt anew in China

SHANGHAI (UPI) — Thousands of Chinese protesters gathered in Shanghai on Saturday to protest against Japan's warship visits to the East China Sea, and to demand an apology for Japan's war crimes during World War II.

But with thousands of protesters gathered on the streets of Beijing and elsewhere, protesting against Japan's warship visits to the East China Sea, and to demand an apology for Japan's war crimes during World War II.

Protesters also burned Japanese flags and banners, and some protesters set fire to Japanese flags at Tokyo's consulate in Shanghai.

China has been protesting against Japanese warship visits to the East China Sea, and to demand an apology for Japan's war crimes during World War II.

In the first weekend of violent protests against Japan across China, thousands of protesters gathered in Shanghai, setting off fires, and some protesters set fire to Japanese flags and banners.

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The World

France looks set to dump EU charter

PHOTO: Xinhua President Jacques Chirac failed to jump-start flagging support for the European Union contribution, with a poll showing the "No" camp further ahead on Friday the day after his five-hour state-visit conclusion.

A USA survey by Secretary of
Business Strategies showed 56 per
cent of those polled would vote "No"
in the May 20 referendum called by
China, an increase of 1 percentage
point in the previous poll.

Of the 110 pollsters who debated, 11 percent of those polled said Clinton failed to connect to the largely unskilled debate with more than 60 young women, the president's first focus in the campaign.

China has stated much greater approval of the construction of a nuclear power station.

tion, which aims to organize Americans looking after the U.S. population in 20 members last May. The camp had hoped the presidential debate would reverse the "No" campaign's willful.

"Could do better" accused the pro-European newspaper *Le Monde*. The usually supportive conservative *Le Figaro* said Chirac had "often struggled to make his pro-European plea heard during a month's campaign."

Italy's European partners, who face a deep EU crisis if Russia remains outside. Italy's report's due today has coincided with debate in the gov-

"All my colleagues are working extremely hard, motivated by the desire to finish what's our mission."

EMBARRASSED

During the debate, Washington's 72 authors argued that the federal government should not be involved in the health care debate.

Opponents accused him of conspiring.

"I was very afraid to see Mr. Chow saying on the one hand, don't be afraid, but he must represent me to try to create fear," Lee says. Taking a former American prison minister and leading communist boss to "No" was odd FZ radio.

Very kind, Frim Minkins, Jr., Pease-Hollens and Watson could be proud of the quality of the defense. While Schenck Minkins Frimons often and further knowledge would be needed to promote the treaty.

China said the treaty could not

With six weeks before the election, opinion surveys point to deep discontent with high unemployment and with Turner's decision

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US committed to back talks with MILF

COTABATO CITY—Despite apprehension on the reported links between the Jemaah Islamiyah and some factions within the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the United States remains supportive of the peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the rebel group, a ranking US official said.

US Charge d'Affaires Joseph Muscarelli said the reports of such links with terrorist groups have never pointed to the MILF as an organization, but rather to individual rebels who may have links with the terrorist network.

He said reports quoting Sen. Salvador Panela (PDP-Laban), the incoming assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, that the United States was planning to include the MILF in its list of terror groups have no basis.

No plans

"We do not have any current plans to put the MILF in as a terrorist group on the terrorist list," Muscarelli said.

Muscarelli said the reports were "not true" because the US support to the peace process has not wavered.

"The US government remains to be a very strong supporter of the peace process between the Philippine government and the MILF," Muscarelli said in a statement on Friday.

Senator and MILF peace negotiator were on to build a second cable connection in Manila.

day to Wednesday in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

One of the issues to be taken up would be the question on an external domain.

Muscarelli said the United States was hoping that the peace process would eventually succeed.

"We're still hoping and pushing for the peace process to succeed," he said.

Muscarelli said that the commitment of the United States to give \$20 million in development aid to MILF areas grows partially off "if they would like more work on the peace process."

He said the MILF has been successful in building peace with other militant organizations but the US has not provided recognition from both sides for peacekeeping talks.

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WILCONS COMMITTEE

Children supply work a fishing vessel dock on the shore of Cotabato, Davao, to make sure their fathers have a month-long fishing equipment in Palawan.

Drivers predict diesel to cost P40

CAGAYAN CITY—When will a good property about market with a P100 housing unit? Through magic, according to the Philippine Housing Loan, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) predicts that the price of diesel will rise to P40 per liter by the end of the year.

A property driver may not even expect before the year ends because all prices have increased since 2004 to the last quarter, said Pineda.

The increase in P100 per liter of diesel, gasoline and kerosene will affect the price of transport services and the price of diesel will reach P40 per liter before the year ends.

In a press conference, Pineda said the transport sector has experienced a rise in the price of diesel since 2004. The price of diesel has increased from P30 per liter to P40 per liter.

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ROUNDUP

New patrol jeeps

LUCENA CITY—Police-led District General Affairs Committee is getting ready to get new patrol jeeps for police use in Lucena and Calapan, provinces. During his visit last Wednesday, Lucena police chief said the new patrol jeeps will be used for police use in the area.

Michael F. Jarama, PDI Lucena-Luzon

Recovered logs

CAGAYAN CITY—Some 25 pieces of suspected black-and-white were recovered from the police station of Barangay Malibon Norte, San Carlos City, Pangasinana. The recovered logs were found in a house in the area. The logs were found in a house in the area. The logs were found in a house in the area.

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Cap, 2 others held

MANILA—A man and two women were arrested on Wednesday by police here, while in the act of selling drugs in a public place. The arrested suspects were identified as PDI Lucena-Luzon, a member of the PDI 100-1000 in Lucena, Davao del Norte and PDI Lucena-Luzon. A police report said the arrested suspects were arrested on Wednesday by police here, while in the act of selling drugs in a public place.

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Fest comic seeks support

LUCENA CITY—Bates headlined Lucena Comedy Club of the "Pangasinan" in Lucena, Pinaric, said he is looking for support from the local government to help him in his comedy club. He said he is looking for support from the local government to help him in his comedy club. He said he is looking for support from the local government to help him in his comedy club.

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PDI man's brother killed

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Opus Dei, Focolare clout seen as factor in conclave

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During the long pontificate of John Paul II, the movement known as the "Pope's secretariat" has been a shadowy and elusive force in the Vatican.

Then, as the conclave prepares to open tomorrow to select the successor to John Paul II, they are as a presence to recall a number of a pontificate in the Vatican of John Paul II.

"They have a personal profile in the Vatican," Rome-based Opus Dei spokesman Cardinal Federico Lombardi said, referring to the Opus Dei members, supporters for Christ and Communion and Liberation.

"They are a factor in the pages."

While their domestic growth is attributed to the late Cardinal's endorsement by the Second Vatican Council, the Opus Dei and other movements like it are very conservative.

Critical of new theologians

Some of their leaders and theologians are critical of new theologians and innovation. They argue that new theologians that grew out of the Second Vatican Council.

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Potential pope?

Both are members of the Opus Dei's "Secretariat of the Holy Office."

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the President of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is a member of the Opus Dei.

that the conclave would prefer a more European or Italian leader and a potential candidate.

By virtue of his Vatican post, Cardinal Ratzinger, who is the head of the Vatican's largest department, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is a potential candidate.

He is also the head of the Opus Dei's "Secretariat of the Holy Office," which handles cases of clerical misconduct and abuse.

At the same time, there are two Opus Dei priests working in the Vatican, Rome-based Opus Dei spokesman Cardinal Federico Lombardi said.

Leaking out of 'Da Vinci'

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The effect of the groups also has caused speculation and controversy in the Vatican.

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Dirty banking, dirty justice?

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most through the whole crisis process, King himself, the Supreme Court, and the Congress.

But before his death, Rodriguez had asked Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to personally look into the Vatican Bank's affairs, saying the possibility that there might have been some irregularities involved in the bank's affairs.

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Marilyn Quires-EspinoSunday **BIZ**

She wrote, signed and delivered her own first paycheck

By Marilyn Quires-Espino

SHE was her first boss and although she cannot remember how exactly her first paycheck, it was delivered, signed and delivered by her.

Modest, Tamara Quires probably knew Jennie Maras in one of her classes at the University of the Philippines. However, her close friendship with the actress "Bambi" became one of her best friends in study class. For at business class, the girls would play cards and engage in fun.

Quires was the conventional first question, a multi-level marketing fan that was strongly against and was shared by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Although, her Quires and Maras landed in the same page in an advertising in one instance, her last history would explain the business the eventually got up.

Quires is a great great grand daughter of Jose Limson, known as "Kapitan May" as he was known—considered the founder of the country's shoe industry in Manila. The house of Quires May still resides in Marikina and are frequent visitors.

A first frequency of Quires says that he learned about shoe making from a couple of Chinese in Manila. During the 1940s, many of wealthy Filipinos were coming while the masses were digging in woods to get shoes.

But Quires never that happened was her great great grandfathers went to Germany and bought a pair of shoes. When it broke, he pulled it apart to study it and then learned to repair it. That was how he came into the shoe



Jennie Maras

business, beginning for Quires and Maras during her own business when she was in the states.

Initially, the shoe business of Quires and Maras was a partnership. It was started in the first year of the 1950s by Quires' father, Dr.

Quires, Quires' mother, Maras, and also a major driving force in going back to the family business in Manila was already working in the shoe industry.

In the 1950s, the shoe industry was still and only a handful of department stores. High fashion shoes were then more easily to visit. Most of the high and fashionable shoes were then sold in the states. This father's friend from the Philippines.

Quires recalls some celebration and high society women going to their shop. An entrepreneur Lito Quires says that Quires and her close friends always had her Le Quires shoes. Quires says her father would go to the states to buy shoes from there.

Quires, the fourth of five girls, says her parents had always planned them to be business by helping them to the factory to play and learn to do simple tasks. The business owners could be the



Jennie Maras, her daughter, Lito Quires, and Quires during a trip to Europe in the 1950s.



Jennie Maras working on a shoe.



Jennie Maras, who is probably her close friend, Maras, who made shoes for work and pleasure as a regular.

owners to them in the factory.

During the 1950s, the shoe industry in Manila, even in the house of Quires (Quires), Maras had decided to focus on manufacturing. At that time, they were something around the shoes, including shoes.

Quires says she and Lito Quires, by a young girl as her parents would say her shoe when they did something by themselves. At that time, he personally chose the materials for the shoes.

The 2. Tamara who Quires was set up along business street in Manila in 1950. It was a public area place today. Many of the workers, who Maras 10, from Quires with the firm for decades and most of them have returned who worked at the factory.

When they were a little bigger,

Quires and her sisters would do odd jobs at the factory. Quires at a high school, they were brought by their parents to buy shoes around where they were allowed to buy any shoes they wanted with them as those with order they thought would sell to the Philippines. There were a pulled shoes and each pair sold, and sold and sold, that was sold again. Only then could the girls wear the shoes.

Quires says in selling her shoes to their dear customers that she was getting a profit for P10,000 20 years ago. Her family would wear both exclusive and popular ones for shoes—both Quires' Quires, Lito Quires and The Quires in Hong Kong and Manila.

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Finding Nemo and other stuff scuba kids learn

Take it from this father of sons—there is more to diving than just learning how to breathe under the sea



MG2 and MG3 (overseas) ready to dive

By Raulo Jimenez
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THERE are many lessons I hope to teach my three boys, Miguel, Bong and Joaquin. I want them to develop a spirit of adventure, a heart that's unafraid to take risks, and a love for our environment and our country. So how do you teach kids all this and still make learning fun? Take them scuba diving!

Scuba diving has come a long way since I first got certified in the '70s. Today, with the advent of new technology, computers and more sophisticated equipment, this extreme sport has become safer, more enjoyable and more accessible to all ages. In other words, child-oriented were created up to kids aged 7 and up. I figured it was time for Miguel and Bong to go back.

The first question I'm always asked by non-divers is, "Is it safe?" The answer is that it's probably as safe as crossing a busy road. It may be a little scary for a kid to have a buoy intervention class, but with a parent or an expert, well, crossing the street is a lesson, faster pace for diving. There are rules that govern diving for kids, which state the level of safety and discuss the risks. Kids aren't allowed to dive too deep. The type of sites they can explore are limited, and, most importantly, they must dive together with a dive master and preferably with a parent.

Simple and fun

They can learn to get your kids to love swimming, flip and flop in the water before they turned two years old. So they love to swim and have the beach. For children, having their own underwater world becomes easy.

Scuba diving junior certification lessons are a combination of classroom, pool and actual diving sessions. In my case (over 20 years ago), the sessions were in street and indoors. Today, dive instruction has made learning simple and fun. Oh yeah, just a practical tip: Don't make them watch videos like "Dive," "Nemo" or "Open Nemo."

The big thrill for my boys happens when they had to roll into the open water and enter under her world. Of course they have mixed feelings of fear and excitement, but that's what you want your kids to learn. Talk excited about exploring the unknown and a little bit of fear. But 20 minutes into the dive, when they start breathing underwater and see marine life, most kids right before their eyes, you'll be surprised to know that kids adapt and become attached to their new environment.

One of our first adventures when we were together was to find "Nemo." There's a few minutes of exploring, an hour or two of swimming, and you're like in the movie. Nemo's family was there. We were fortunate to find a friendly "Nemo" who played with my kids, went near them, they'd swing near him again and, eventually, for them much fun.

Life lessons

Underwater, a kid is taught how to look

downward



MG2 from his gear before a dive

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LANDSCAPE of island of Mykonos

It's all Greek to me!

What to do, where to go,
 what to bring and
 where to buy—
 we've made it easy
 for you to enjoy
 the glory that is Greece

Text and photos by Rigo Laurel
 Carlo Buar

GREECE has all the elements of a dream escape: its rich history and ancient culture have inspired countless books and cinematic works. Its cuisine is indisputably wonderful, every earthy dish capturing the essence of its lovely geography and people. Oh, and the people! The beautiful people of Greece by themselves are a constant attraction.

After Travel and Town 2005, 604 PLS or 021-89123177 or 0275118034, organized and coordinated a number of reports of some of the best of the island, the place and more in the TV report, who was going up by number of his famous reports. I did not hesitate one bit when Rigo asked me to join him to, as they say, see the place. We both have traveled with Rigo in Egypt and then, our undoubtedly most recent for the Mediterranean region.

Greece has opened my eyes to its beauty. Suddenly, nothing is Greek to me anymore. Oh, should I say it all levels to me now? The island has made such a career out of me that I've compiled lists that I hope will make you to go there as unforgettable as mine.



THE AUTHOR is here at the greatest of the Parthenon



MASTHEAD: experiences and local food specialties of the island



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WITH KIMMY, Pigura and co-hosts TV mogul, and our lovely friend Alexandra, who showed us a fabulous house in Atlanta.

Top 10 travel essentials

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Four themes, one store

Text by Alex T. Vergara
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AFTER A YEAR of incubation, furniture and interior designer Ito Kish is back as creative director and chief executive officer of the premier home store in Greenbelt named after him.

Kish, his home store, recently underwent a 15-day renovation to pave the way for its relaunching just weeks ago. The result is a more elegant lifestyle store with mostly new merchandise from the world over, grouped into four themes and products: Japanese, European, Italian and American. Each product is further divided

Kish recently underwent a 15-day renovation to pave the way for its grand relaunching

guided by vivid color schemes (shades of the store's portfolio all-white walls). In the case of the Japanese, which includes long tables, benches, chairs, the store focused on showcasing its set off from the rest of the store by modern and circular wooden designs.

Despite putting the store into a new home, Kish remained loyal to the Japanese and American sections. But the store and serving staff, he said, came to an amazing variety of shapes, sizes, colors and textures. He and his team have made it a point to use wide-angle space to display classic furniture pieces designed by such legends as Charles and Ray Eames, Philippe Starck and Frank Gehry, among others.

Thus, distinctive (if a bit overpriced) chairs you often see put to use in glossy interior design



SPINEL Porcelain table with square mosaic base, rose green and blue base



SANCTUARY Iron feature frame ideal for rooming.

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ATTRACTIVE glass dispensers, wine glasses and wooden block from Belgium



BAZMAH items include opaque glasses from The Netherlands and Philippine-made clear aluminum food containers in leaf design. Shagreen bowl with fabric bowl and Korean-inspired resin bowl.



RESIN building blocks and opaque clear glass water jugs (Egypt) and glassware (The Netherlands)



SLICK and affordable chairs in the Apprentice section

Four themes, one store

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rough-hewn pine tables set on platforms in unadorned oak walls. The museum piece is the theme here. Each piece comes with beautiful, handmade, but not elaborate, the customer's museum. These affordable furniture pieces are featured in the Apprentice section.

Each feature set like apart from some home stores in the country, says Kim. In fact, it isn't simply a matter of remodeling every available space with merchandise. It's also a matter of arranging each piece in such a way that they form a cohesive, but not too obvious, designed to inspire and educate others.

At the risk of sounding snobbish, he notes he himself is not in the store. In fact, he is not in the store. Kim, for instance, doesn't get from local Thailand anymore. Most of the items he more often come from Europe, with a sprinkling here and there of Chinese-made products.

High-end merchandise

But everyone, he insists, is welcome to stroll at Kim's high-end merchandise as well as his more affordable pieces.

"We always make it a point to keep one side of merchandise interesting," he adds. "At the same time, we feel that it's our responsibility to expose Filipinos to the latest trends in

RESIN vases and candle holders from Thailand



CANDLE holders and resin containers in high-end upstairs corners

home furnishings and accessories surrounding the world today. I also want their visit to be a learning experience (for them)."

It doesn't matter to him if people leave his store empty-handed. As long as they come out of it inspired with ideas about the countless possibilities they can do in their homes in the future, that's his goal. He has already done his job.

Besides, with the numerous items like candles, it's not impossible to leave the



ARTISAN wooden chairs from India and large resin and glass holders from the world over

store without finding something you love. The temptation to spend time at least add to your visit. But it is further enhanced by the fact that merchandise and the store (including) look Filipino homecoming, religiously maintained to not too long ago, not now.

"Understanding your home isn't necessarily as it used to be," says Kim. "Since people nowadays are no longer bound by so many rules, you can easily combine new and old ideas. Some people have had enough of conservatism. I'm not saying that you go the other way. What I provide is about so to help you find things together. It's up to you to decide."

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CANDLES and woven dishes of various sizes in the Bazaar area



PAINTING chair by various colors by Yonny Pantoja

Dangerous plan couched in noble words

WHO is more than willing to see this as a forest? Answer: nothing so a forest, especially a forest reserve.

Unbelievable as that may seem, the country about will happen if House Bill No. 3005 is passed. That provision: Bill covers not such a noble purpose. It seems to give a small portion of the Malibang Forest Reserve (MFR) to the City Government of the Philippines. It would be noble, in fact, if there wasn't already a city located in the MFR now called the City of Manila in the Philippines (see below).

But apparently the bill would mean that some houses in the city could be located near complete control and jurisdiction of the city in the MFR. The bill would provide the Ministry of the Philippines (see below) the officials, staff and community which should only be used by law to maintain, conserve and protect the Malibang Forest Reserve.

While they recognize "the contribution of MFR in working out youth into responsible citizens," they intend that putting into service of the MFR under the control of its city is a step that the MFR is not an example of "responsible citizenship," but rather, it is a disaster.

Ungratified

In these days when our forests and watersheds are dwindling, the MFR is a great suggestion.

The MFR encompasses several areas why such a decision, no matter how small, should not be allowed. It is obviously a step to see the first time that an attempt is made to do so as the first time. The first time has always been with the city and the city of such a move and attempt.

"The integrity of the Malibang Forest Reserve must be preserved," UPLB says. "It is a natural heritage and one of the few remaining forest reserves in the country." It is the number of trees, algae, fungi, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibian species is less identified, trees, and so many more yet to be discovered.

The MFR is recognized locally and internationally for its ecological in-

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Dr. Jose
Cabrera
Ayala



person: it is one of 18 natural plant diversity, an extremely high biodiversity conservation area and a well-known forest site.

The UPLB, the country's premier academic institution, is called with looking after the conservation of natural resources, being the most qualified to do the job. Having met the MFR, will only result in degradation, loss of habitats and destruction of natural resources. This is hardly unexpected.

Critical watershed

Another point UPLB raises: the MFR is a critical watershed area supplying water to Calamba City, Los Baños and Bay Lagoon as well as the Laguna Lake. It is a critical watershed in the city of Manila, which is using the most polluted water source in Manila. Opening up even a small portion of the MFR to a city government that does not have the expertise to maintain and protect it will only destroy these water bodies.

From where we sit, it is obvious that even if such a move is made, dividing an area and handing over to administration and control to a second party is in no way the best practice. It will surely affect the agriculture, manufacturing, domestic water supply, industrial parks, development of public infrastructure, protection of biodiversity and the water body, not to mention the forest industry.

There is also the fact that Malibang serves as a huge sink that absorbs the pollution and carbon in the air, improving quality of air while regulating the temperature and relative humidity in the city and towns surrounding it. Trees and other vegetation provide controls of pollution by

removing the environment and will improve the quality of global warming.

Then, too, the MFR provides natural resources: birds, plants, trees, algae, fungi and mammals. It is a natural resource for the city of Manila. The College of Forestry and Natural Resources of the UPLB is well equipped for its commitment and efforts to ensure that such resources do not occur in the city.

Threat of calamities

That is why there is great concern that without proper action from a unified source, such calamities could occur. This concern is divided by the fact of existing conditions of the MFR. Another fact: UPLB recognizes the presence of illegal settlers in the area who have built their own homes, and are not able to remove them. If such a problem cannot be handled properly, UPLB also, has much less risk from prevention.

The importance of the MFR from the academic viewpoint is also very important to discuss. The research support UPLB's research and development activities, not only in forestry but also in other areas such as wildlife, forest, and water resources. The MFR is a critical watershed for the city of Manila, which is using the most polluted water source in Manila. Opening up even a small portion of the MFR to a city government that does not have the expertise to maintain and protect it will only destroy these water bodies.

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Dr. Jose Cabrera Ayala, president of the Philippine Botanical Society of Manila, displays the proposed Malibang Forest Reserve. He is standing next to the proposed Malibang Forest Reserve, which is located in the City of Manila. He is also standing next to the proposed Malibang Forest Reserve, which is located in the City of Manila. He is also standing next to the proposed Malibang Forest Reserve, which is located in the City of Manila.